

WHERE IS THE PROJECT LOCATED?

The project is located 73 miles west of Great Falls, 19 miles west of Augusta, and 0.75 mile downstream from the GID Diversion Dam near Gibson Reservoir in Montana. The bridge crosses the Sun River and spans the boundaries of Lewis and Clark County and Teton County.



Source: FHWA, Western Federal Lands Highway Division



WHERE WOULD THE NEW BRIDGE BE PLACED?

A new **single-lane bridge** would be placed approximately 250 to 300 feet downstream of the existing bridge. The new bridge ends would be placed at the **top of the river canyon** on the west side and slightly below the top edge of the river canyon on the east side. The bridge length is estimated at approximately 455 feet and would consist of **three bridge spans** fitted with curbing and guardrail. The bridge deck would be approximately 85 feet above the water surface, almost 65 feet **higher in elevation** compared to the existing bridge.



Rendering of proposed bridge downstream from existing bridge
Source: FHWA, Western Federal Lands Highway Division

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT?

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the existing bridge with a **new bridge meeting current design and safety standards**.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

- The existing Sun River Bridge no longer meets today's design standards. The bridge is currently load posted for 5 tons.
- The bridge's **poor condition, load limitations, and approach road deficiencies** pose safety hazards and limitations to users.
- Multiple users require a **safe and reliable local crossing** to access public and private lands on both sides of the Sun River.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE?

The project will replace the existing bridge with a **new bridge meeting current design and safety standards** to provide continued access to federal lands, irrigation facilities, and other destinations in the vicinity.

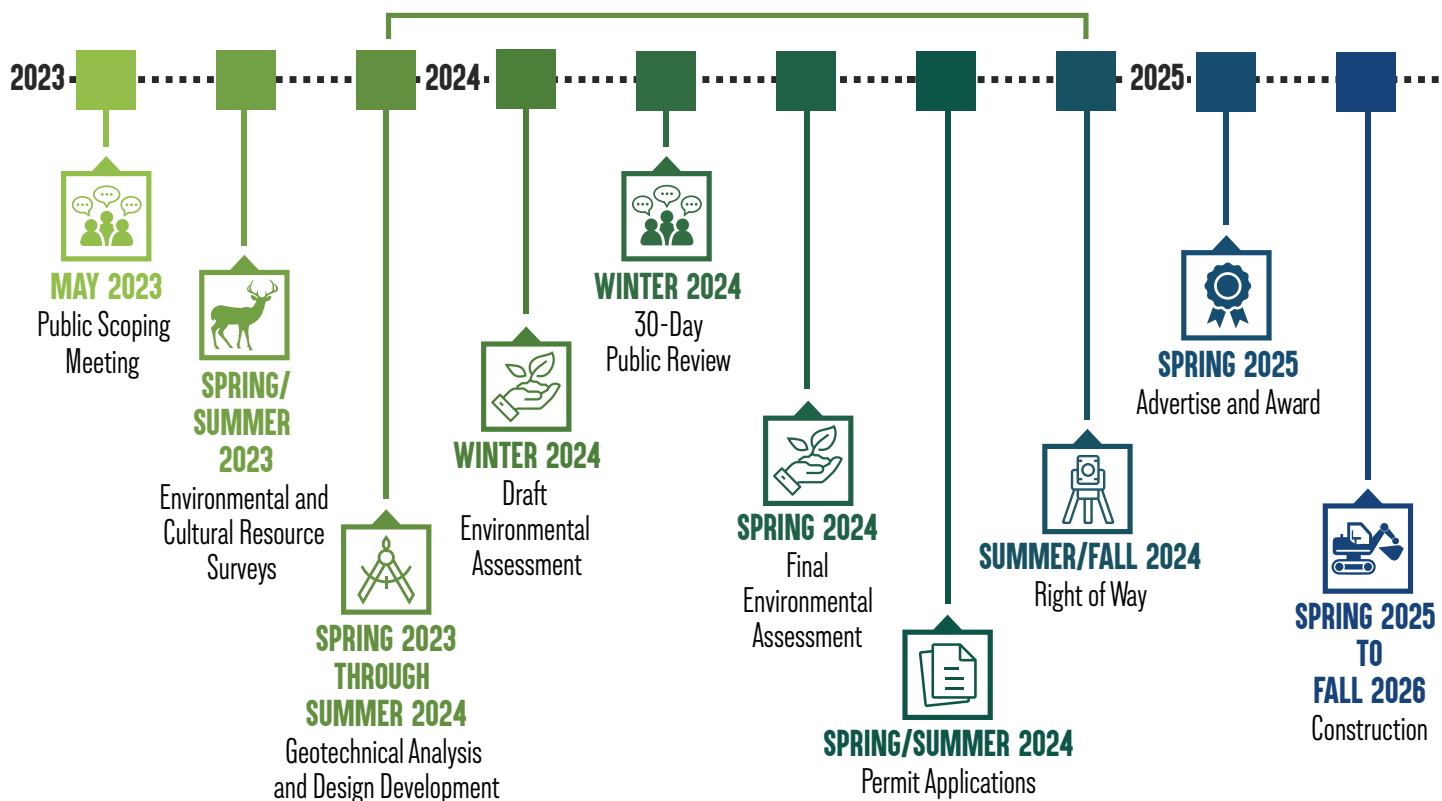
WHO WAS CONSULTED?

Following a public and agency scoping meeting on May 16, 2023, the project team consulted with **federal and state resource agencies, Tribal nations, landowners, and other stakeholders** to understand and address project concerns.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT IMPACTS?

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated project impacts on the human and natural environment. The EA found that the project will cause temporary impacts during construction, however **no reasonably foreseeable permanent adverse impacts** were identified. For more information about project impacts, download the EA at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/flap-bor-2980-1>. Public comments on the EA are requested by **March 8, 2024**.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT TIMELINE?



WHO ARE THE PROJECT PARTNERS?

FHWA is developing the project in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Bureau of Land Management (USBLM), USDA Forest Service (USFS), and Greenfields Irrigation District (GID).



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